



CITY COUNCIL

Administrative Oversight and Land Use Committee

**Monday, April 21, 2008
Meeting Report**

Attendance: S. Marmarou, M. Baez, J. Waltman

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 pm by S. Marmarou, Chair.

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT

I. Interviews

James Reber (reappointment – Board of Health alternate)

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Reber was interested in continuing to serve on the Board of Health. Mr. Reber noted his belief in the mission of the Board of Health. He noted his willingness to continue addressing health issues. Mr. Reber noted his work on the issue of mold.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the reappointment of Mr. James Reber as an alternate to the Board of Health.

Mr. Ed Kopicki (reappointment – DID Authority)

Ms. Katzenmoyer informed the committee that Mr. Kopicki had to cancel. The interview will be rescheduled for an upcoming Committee meeting.

Charles Wanyo III (appointment – DID Authority)

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Wayno was interested in serving on this authority. Mr. Wanyo noted that he is new to the Reading community. He noted his desire to be involved and noted that he is involved in several projects in the downtown area.

Mr. Waltman questioned which projects he was involved in. Mr. Wanyo noted his affiliation with Shuman Development. He noted that he is currently working on 50 N. 5th Street. He is also working on the former outlet center and the Burlington buildings.

Mr. Waltman noted the outlet zoning issue. Mr. Wanyo noted that the City staff is in agreement with this change. Mr. Waltman noted that the issue will be discussed by City Council.

Mr. Marmarou noted the need for young people to be involved in their community.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Mr. Charles Wanyo III to the DID Authority.

Brian Sands (Reappointment – Plumbing Board)

Mr. Waltman questioned what the role of the Plumbing Board was. Mr. Sands explained that they interview and test candidates for apprentice and master licenses and verify their credentials. They also work to keep the City's code up to national standards or better.

Mr. Marmarou noted that the City's codes are better than those in surrounding municipalities. Mr. Sands expressed his belief that all municipalities should follow the City's recommendations. Many municipalities do not require plumbers to have licenses to pull permits. Mr. Sands noted that property owners can do their own internal plumbing.

Mr. Waltman questioned how many plumbers were licensed in the City. Mr. Sands noted there are approximately 125 – 150.

Mr. Waltman questioned how often this Board meets. Mr. Sands noted that they meet quarterly for testing purposes and more often if other issues arise.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Brian Sands to the Plumbing Board of Examiners.

LAND USE

I. Limiting the ability of the Zoning Administrator to approve certain zoning permits

The Committee requested a letter be sent to the Zoning Hearing Board inviting them to attend the next Administrative Oversight and Land Use Committee meeting.

Mr. Waltman noted that continuity can be better achieved through requiring that the Board approve most zoning issues.

II. Zoning Enforcement

Mr. Waltman noted the importance of reviewing all zoning issues. He requested a report on all zoning related enforcement issues. Ms. Katzenmoyer will prepare this report for the May meeting.

The Administrative Oversight Committee adjourned at 6:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Shelly Katzenmoyer,
Deputy City Clerk